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FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

Mr. E. H. Smith was a pleasant visitor in our office Monday. He said that he has been saving clippings of the "News of Our Service Men" column, and planned to put them together in booklet form after the war. That's an idea others may wish to copy.

W. M. Abbitt and W. J. Covington wound up the Christmas season by killing two buck deer. Watt killed a white one, a rare species, while W. J. brought down a large, one-hundred and eighty-five pounder. Congratulations to these sportsmen. Mr. Covington says he has waited fifty years for this thrill.

W. C. Dudley is always a pleasant person to have around, and we enjoy his visits to the Times-Virginian office. The other day - one of those cold ones - he drove down to see the new milk receiving station, a visitation with top priority on our list of places to go. Before routine work from our perch in front of the linotype machine, Bill eyed the whirl of wheels within wheels and ineredulous complexity of said linotype and decided that anything so complicated just wouldn't work! And he has been back twice since to see if his deduction wasn't right. Fortunately he was wrong both times, it was working.

A reader hands us the following from an Oklahoma newspaper: "Arthur Jones, Okmulgee certified public accountant wonders if those who are beginning to have the temerity to talk of a soft peace for Germany think the Germans are better than the people of the Confederacy were at the end of the Civil War. The South had to surrender to Grant unconditionally, he points out. Why should the Germans be entitled to any better treatment than victorious Americans gave defeated Americans?" Period.

Comes now an embarrassing personal yelp for help. We find ourselves in immediate need of an old-fashioned "mustache cup." We do not wish to buy one. We wish to borrow one for the duration of the war with Germany. Maybe less time than that, for Mother Brightleaf is becoming very insistent that we proceed at once to the shaving of the editorial upper lip. Anyway, you will please us by loaning us an old-fashioned mustache cup for the duration. Those of the younger generation who scan this column may have to conduct an investigation to find out the nature of a mustache cup.

George Buchanan is a man of rare discernment. We had found out by way of a trade journal that the per capita use of paper in the nation is 300 pounds. So we asked George to guess what proportion of that was for newspapers. He said that he would guess 60 pounds. Not bad. The answer was 59 pounds.

This is, of course, a one-horse opinion, but I would venture to say that these winter mornings it calls for greater will power to arise at 6:30 or 7:00 A. M. than it would to arise at 4:30 or 5:00 A. M. The latter virtually amounts to arising in the middle of the night and is a matter of the triumph of grim determination. But the former, when you figure a matter of moments separates you from that time when the glow-worm shows the nation to be near, 'ah, then indeed it is only by sheer all-out victory of mind over matter that one arises.

Which leads inevitably to the very personal question: these cold mornings, when there are fires to be made, who is first up at your house? We venture another one-horse opinion: in many homes the lady of the house gets up first and starts the fire!

There has been a paucity of New Year Resolutions. Only one is needed: "Victory in '45."

FARM LABOR SUPPLY
DOWN 10 TO 20 PER CENT
Blacksburg, Jan. 3.-The supply of farm labor in Virginia appears to be 10 to 20 per cent below the supply on farms at this time last year, at least in the counties where labor for farmers has been a critical item during the war.

Winter weather continues. Darden to name committee to raise output of pulpwood. Telephone 30 with Personals. California defeats Tennessee in Rose Bowl football game.

A Live Weekly Newspaper, Serving the Heart of Virginia's Great Dark Tobacco Belt; At Historic Appomattox, Virginia, Where War Ended, April 9, 1865.

TIMES - VIRGINIAN

NEWS OF OUR MEN IN SERVICE

We have an interesting letter from Ma or Charles F. James, Jr., who is in England. He writes that recently he visited a Red Cross officers club and found that Robert A. Hunter, Appomattox, had registered there earlier in the week, and that recently in awarding the Purple Heart medal in the hospital at which he is stationed one of the patients was Ralph Brown, a cousin of Nelson Brown, a former teacher at the Appomattox High School.

Mr. E. O. Jarrell has received a letter from his son, Sgt. Wesley Jarrell, stating that he has landed safely overseas and is stationed in England. Mrs. Jarrell now has three sons overseas. Pfc. Harry Jarrell is in the Aulian Islands. Pfc. Floyd Jarrell is in France.

Pvt. Oscar R. Carey Jr., grandson of Mrs. E. O. Jarrell was inducted into the Service December 25, and is with the Marine Corps, at Farris Island, S. C. She has another grandson in the Navy, stationed in San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. Eddie E. Lucado, of Route 3, Appomattox, son of Edward Lucado, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is a member of the Klat. "Wildcat" division. This badge is awarded for exemplary conduct and skill in action against the enemy. The Wildcat Division recently invaded the Southern Islands of the Japanese-held Palau group.

Pfc. Jerald Childers, U. S. M. C., was returned to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Childers.

Raymond Godsey, F. 2-C, U. S. N. R., has returned to his ship after visiting his family last weekend. Cpl. Joe Terry is stationed some where in France.

James W. Franklin, S. 1-C, U. S. Navy, is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Franklin. He was a welcome visitor to our office Monday, and told some of his experiences during the recent invasion of the Philippines.

Mrs. George E. McGuire, of Richmond has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Capt. McGuire, has been reported missing over China. He is a pilot in the Army Air Corps. McGuire will be remembered here as the former Miss Lovella Buchanan, sister of G. B. Buchanan, Capt. and Mrs. McGuire visited our office just before he sailed for overseas duty.

John Lawson Woodridge, U. S. Navy, was home Sunday.

Howard Hancock, U. S. Navy, is spending a leave here with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Hancock.

Pfc. James N. Bagby, who has been stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska, has been transferred to Alamogordo, New Mexico.

David Christian, U. S. Navy, stationed at Charlottesville, was home for the holidays.

Capt. Ben Saunders has returned to Lexington after spending the holidays here with his family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Calle.

Sydney Comer reported to duty in Jacksonville, Florida on December 30, after a thirty-day furlough at his home here.

Pfc. Harold Pillow visited his home during Christmas. He is now at the Woodrow Wilson Army Hospital, Stanton.

Sgt. Twyman Dinkins is on duty in China. More Yank troops land on Mindoro in Philippines.

Transportation and marketing facilities are likely to be the biggest bottlenecks farmers will have to break in 1945.

Laying flocks made up entirely of good, healthy pullets raised on clean ground and kept entirely away from older poultry are most likely to live and lay best.

Prices for chickens should be good this winter.

German prisoners of war are being used by some farmers for labor.

Buy 'em and Keep 'em WAR BONDS

Local Soldier Wins Badge

With the 80th Infantry Division in France: Special to Times - Virginian. Major General Horace L. McBrine, commanding General of the 8th Infantry Division, has announced that S. Sgt. Alexander Franklin has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. S. Sgt. Franklin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abdeiah Franklin, Route 2, Appomattox. He entered the service September 25, 1942.

Editor's note: This division is doing a major part in the counter offensive of General Patton at this time.)

We are in receipt of a detailed account of operations in the Pacific, participated in by the naval unit to which Machinist Mate First Class Eugene Franklin is attached. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Franklin of Appomattox. His ship was in the Leyte Operation, the current phase of the invasion of the Philippines. It went to Leyte to give air support to the amphibious landings of McArthur's troops, and did an excellent job. Then the Japs fled to the mountains. The Japs fell within its screen and the Jap battle fleet closed in. The masts and smoke of their ships could be seen. Every plane was launched and threw in their Sunday Punch. Their attack was terrific and the Japs withdrew, and our ships pursued and got in some telling blows. It was an exciting demonstration of American might. The long months of training paid off. The ordnancemen loaded their eggs without a bobble; the engineering gave all the speed they had in their engines and guns crews did their job as calmly as if going through a drill in safe waters. The ships were down and our boys delivered.

War Industry In Virginia

Richmond, Jan. 3.-Major war supply and facility contracts and project orders awarded for fulfillment in Virginia since June 1943 have soared to \$3,218,717,000, according to figures just released by the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce in its magazine, "The Commonwealth." The total is made up of \$1,224,726 of war supply contracts, \$758,235,000 of military installations and industrial facilities financed by the government, and \$1,011,633,000 of manufacturing project orders placed with army and navy-operated establishments.

MUSIC HONOR ROLL

The December music honor roll at Appomattox High School was as follows: Jarlean Martin, Betsy Ferguson, Joan Harvey, Mary Ellen Harvey, Ann Carson, Joan Callett, Margorie Moore, Mary Ellen Moore, Virginia Herdon, Marjory Godsey, Rebecca Babcock, Joyce Wingfield.

Grid's Greatest

Selected as the outstanding college football player of 1944, Les Horvath, of Parma, Ohio, admires the Heisman Memorial trophy which was presented to him in New York. Horvath played halfback on the brilliant and undefeated Ohio State team, and was the only unanimous choice of the all-star eleven selected by eight groups of experts, representing press associations, magazines and sporting publications. On December 13, Horvath was slightly injured in an auto accident.

Eleven Army hospital units go overseas without any nurses.

Even Hurricane Can't Down Stars and Stripes



Three days of roaring winds ripped away more than half of this coast guard ensign, as a hurricane struck a tanker off Cuba, but when the storm operations, often behind the enemy's lines. Information on this craft has been a secret until now.

New Troop-Carrying Glider in Test Flight

The army's latest glider is a big machine designed to carry large numbers of soldiers and their equipment. It will be used for invasion operations, often behind the enemy's lines. Information on this craft has been a secret until now.

N. R. FEATHERSTON RETIRES FROM STATE EMPLOY

N. R. Featherston, well-known Appomattox citizen has retired, after spending 31 years and 6 months in State service. Born March 27, 1874, he served as county superintendent of schools from July 1, 1913 to July 31, 1926. From August 1, 1926 to June 30, 1928 he was in the State Tax Commission's office, and from July 1, 1928 to December 31, 1944, in the Agricultural Department as a State Gasoline Inspector.

Drive For Paralysis Fund

The 1945 drive to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., will start the middle of January. No quota has been set for Appomattox County. However it is known that more money will be needed this year than ever before. Last year there were more than 750 cases of infantile paralysis reported in Virginia. Appomattox County was greatly blessed in not having a single case reported. The treatment of almost all of the cases reported in Virginia was made possible by the contributions that had been made in past years. The National Foundation contributed over \$117,500 to Virginia to help treat the cases and to prevent the spread of the terrible epidemic. The local chapters in Virginia contributed nearly \$50,000. Every bit of this money was from money raised from previous campaigns such as this. But for this great help hundreds of children would not have received the proper treatment and would be helpless cripples today. Who knows when or where the next epidemic will strike?

Hunter Heads Masonic Lodge

More than seventy members and guests of Monroe Lodge 301, A. F. and A. M., attended the annual St. John's Night banquet on the evening of December 27. Following the banquet officers for the lodge for 1945 were installed by W. C. Dudley, outgoing Worshipful Master. Newly installed officers include: C. K. Hunter, Worshipful Master; J. W. Burke, Junior Warden; Alfred Price, Senior Deacon; T. M. Richardson, Junior Deacon; L. R. Parke, Treasurer; C. S. McDearman, Secretary; C. S. Booth, Tiler; H. F. Jones, Chaplain; J. H. Lucado, Steward; H. C. Pulliam, Steward.

American First and Third Armies defeat Nazi flanks. House continues Dies committee.

BUY WAR BONDS and give the change to fight INFANTILE PARALYSIS JANUARY 14-31

Meeting To Explain Milk Station Set-up

There will be a meeting of local business men and farmers with the County Agricultural Board tonight, Thursday, in the school dormitory second floor, room 2, at 7:45, at which the set-up of the milk receiving station to be operated here by Coble Milk Products Company will be explained and discussed.

Rapid progress has been made in converting the building to be occupied by the station, and remodeling and installation of machinery is nearing completion. There is every indication that the plant will open this month, although no definite date has been set. Principal work to be done is the lining up of milk routes, and we are informed that considerable progress has already been made in this phase of the activity. It is indicated that a considerable volume of milk will be brought into the Appomattox receiving station from surrounding counties, and the estimate of milk that can be expected on "opening day" has been revised upward. Farmers are showing great interest in this project.

John F. Brown and Kermit Gardner of Coble Milk Products Co. will attend tonight's meeting and will present valuable information, facts and figures on the financial advantages of marketing grade C milk.

It is urged that local business men and members of the county Agricultural Board and Agricultural professional workers attend this meeting.

NOTICE
There will be two deputies from the Collector of Internal Revenue's Office at the office of J. H. O'Brien, Appomattox, on January 8th, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., to assist farmers and others who have to file Federal Income Tax Returns by January 15th.

Town Rescinds Hour Parking Limit Rule

The town council at its monthly meeting Monday night amended its recently adopted resolution calling for a one-hour parking limit on the town's principal business block. The council will request that drivers keep their cars parked in town for lengthy periods try to find a parking place other than in the business section so that space will be available to farmers and others who come to town to shop and transact business. This will aid in relieving traffic congestion. However the council decided not to attempt a one-hour parking limit, as this might work hardship on many citizens and would be contrary to the traditional desire of Appomattox to cooperate with all who come here to conduct their business.

School Gets Coal Supply

Fear that the supply of coal for heating the local school plant was relieved today by news that a car was en route and would arrive before available supplies were exhausted. Many coal users are running short of fuel and the availability of additional stocks is very uncertain. Large users with limited storage space are being hardest hit by the scarcity. School authorities here, however, state that the school will be well heated and there is no ground for alarm on this item.

Garden Club Meets Jan. 12

The Garden Club will meet Friday, January 12, at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. C. S. Jenkins. She and Mrs. Adfield McCain will be joint hostesses. Mrs. J. C. Caldwell will have charge of the program. Topics: Old and interesting bottles. Exhibits: vines in bottles, and bottles.

Eight American divisions headed up Allied counter offensive in Europe against Nazis, Germans say.